# **Consumer Directed Supports**

An individual on the DMRS Waiting List may be eligible for Consumer Directed Supports (CDS) this fiscal year (July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008).

CDS are funds available to persons on the Waiting List as of July 1, 2007 whose category of need is **Crisis**, **Urgent** or **Active**. Those persons must not be receiving services through the Statewide Waiver, the Self-Determination Waiver or other state funding, or other supports such as through the Family Support Program.

Each person would have access to an established amount of funding that is determined by the number of eligible individuals on the list. The funds are accessed only through a case manager.

CDS are being distributed to eligible individuals in the amount of \$1,000.00 this fiscal year.

# Examples of How Funds Can be Used

Respite and Sitter Services
Personal Assistance
Day Services
Home Modifications
Vehicle Modifications
Evaluations
Training

Adaptive equipment
Healthcare Supplies
Transportation
Behavioral Supports
Health-related Services
Nursing

#### CDS Quick Facts

- A person's status on the DMRS Waiting List is not affected by using CDS
- CDS does not count as income and will not affect current benefits if the funds are used only for the approved services requested
- CDS is based only on the person on the Waiting List and not any other family member
- CDS can only be used for the person on the Waiting List and not any other family member

#### How to Check on CDS

To confirm eligibility a person or his/her parent or guardian should contact the local DMRS regional office and speak with the case manager who will assist in the process. If a person is eligible for funding, money must be accessed no later than June 30, 2008.

# Who to Contact (Case manager or one of the following persons)

## Middle Tennessee

#### Nashville

Rick Henderlight	615-231-5382
Darlene Moghadam	615-231-5289
Glenola Maxwell	615-231-5304

## **East Tennessee**

#### Knoxville

Pattie Hall	865-588-0508, ext. 125
Mary Holmes	865-588-0508, ext. 163
Karen Lee	865-588-0508, ext. 172

#### Chattanooga

Barbara Gardner 423-634-6149, ext. 126

## **Greeneville/Johnson City**

Timothy Hickman 423-787-6757, ext. 114

#### **West Tennessee**

**Jackson** (Benton, Carroll, Chester, Crockett, Decatur, Dyer, Gibson, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Henderson, Henry, Lake, Madison, McNair, Obion, Weakley) Eugene Fitzhugh 731-426-1801

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